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THIS WILD FIRE killed our people. It killed also the hope. All basics needed.
Please help us to provide H.U.G. Points for DIRECT HELP TO FIRE VICTIMES

Greek society, Kids & Families, already exhausted from all austerity measures has to face fires killers at 27 different areas of Greece in 2 days. Fire victims lost people and properties. Three of the areas are completely destroyed. Through this dark period refugees come in hundreds every day in the country.

Greek Families gave more than the help they could to help. All this solidarity world and NGOs are still absent. We are very touched by the human approach and support of individuals all over the world, for messages of support they send. We warmly thank you for been there.

You are part of our team! You are **H**umans **U**nited **G**lobally for Youth.

Warm thanks to Kid & Family charity for the immediate response of all volunteers.!

...so youth may survive!

By Roumpini Terzaki - Project Leader



Dear friends and supporters,

we warmly thank you for your letters, support and donations. You encourage our efforts in this dark period we pass through.

H.U.G. - Humans United Globally 4Youth and Kid & Family charity unifies all powers and volunteers making a network of help to the Victims of this wildfire killer.
We are in the middle of Vacations. Athens is empty. Schools are closed. It is extremely difficult under the heat to work at places touched by fire, where there is no tree left and the heat is unbelievable without even a drop of water. The central water and electricity distribution is under reconstruction. It will take long to get back in a normal life even to basic matters.

Ther is a lot of work needed

Your support is crucial. We thank you for being at our side. It is very important that you continue offering your support at every scheme you consider being useful for emergency relief packages and psychological support for the huge loss of humans and what was left as fortune from 9 years of inhuman taxation and austerity measures.
THE SITUATION

As we are on the ground every moment of the day and night, we had no access to internet or electricity, we are more than exhausted, as the last 10 years we try to face impossible situations. They country has been transformed to a point of accumulation of tragedies. We are proud to still have volunteers as everyone is tired. We need hands and funds to go on.

We see products accumulated in mayors' warehouses without any kind of efficiency to get distributed. We see no planning for building up a network of help.

Once more we are happy we can work efficiently directly to people as always with our own network. KID & FAMILY our sponsor is a grate helping hand for "Emergency relief packages" helping directly people with home delivery of all essencials. She is on our site. Our psychologists, Greeks all over the world are connected with us to give immediate support throught skybe, phone, face to face FOR FREE in Greek.

ALL BASIC NEEDS URGE:

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT AND LISTING OF PEOPLE IN NEED

Mobile phones, FAST Laptops for Skype (supporting with psychologists and psychiatrists, through Skype or phone. We need to provide FIRE victims with any kind of phone they rarely have any! Everything is destroyed) this equipment will be also used for screening the needs of people. **Sticks or mobile internet.** We try hard to motivate people even to face their homes. The have no courage to act. Street are empty. There is nothing. No NGO unless the red cross the first 3 days. We see the police everywere a few soldiers, no one else. Volunteers are accumulated at ware houses where there is no plan for acting. We give them tasks and tools to go on.

HUG POINTS declared by PRINTED POSTERS were we give emergency Phone number and email so each individual can have direct access to help (products or Psychological support) IN PERSON!

Office equipment needed. Tents too. Through HUG POINTS we provide to all Fire Victims AND Firemen as well: Glasses for free, Books, cloths, food, scholarship equipment that we ll need to provide for September!

2. CLEANING THE AREA

We need to provide **basic Tools and materials for cutting, cleaning, bags , baskets etc** to families, even for just cleaning the area and cut the burned branched. It is the most ergent to do after food and psychological support. Every home lost all kind of tools and equipment. We saw a 22 years young man trying to cut a branch with knifes. People are

scared to keep all these burnt trees next to the ruins. A new fire is possible if they don't clean fast.

3. FEEDING PEOPLE: <u>We need 5€ / person</u> to give <u>HUG MEALS</u>. We found under this extremely cheap price restaurant tickets that can provide full meal with this low price. We thank much the greek restaurants for this huge offer. Please help us to provide as much MEALS as possible. There are 1.200 families in the streets. It is not true the "gossip" papers talks about rich people who maintain just a vacation house. For a 35% of people this is true. The rest of the families, are permanent resident of the areas, MATI, N.VOUTSAS, KINETTA, RAFINA, ALEPOCHORI and a several smaller communities of 15 houses each that ARE NEVER MENTIONED ON THE NEWS! Of course MATI is the area with the biggest number of people who passed away! at least 200 families, lost people and property. Victims passed away at the area we first gave help.

There are still people missing. We are scared too, that we can step on a body or on a pet.
The population of Greece is in a huge chock when we realize that there is no plan of facing the loss of people. We are grateful for the heroic help of firemen and the police. They give their lives for a salary of 580€ -750€.
Under the burglars eye, Police is everywhere on the streets. There are citizens who step by the site of Policemen and firemen to give help.
The absence of multinational NGOs harmed a lot the feeling of solidarity of families – fire victims- on all areas burned.

THE WAY WE CAN ACT FAST AND EFFICIENTLY:

<u>OUR ACTION PLANNING</u>
1. HUG POSTERS. We need to post all over the harmed areas posters with our phone numbers for all emergency needs of fire victims. We need your help to print as soon as

possible. We put already 15 posts and the phone “took fire” too.

2. Our needs to create HUG POINTS

Description: HUG POINTS are Mobile Help stations Mini Vans will organize and provide help 12 hours / day the way we describe bellow.

Needs for the “helping stations” our HUG POINTS

- **3 Laptops with internet sticks and 3 energy banks**
- **2 coordinators on the ground**

What we give:

H.U.G. Points will provide Help in person:

- psychological - psychiatric care to kids and families

- emergency relief packages” with all essentials

- Glasses and mobile phones

- Basic Tools for cleaning, cutting, etc. so that we prevent a new fire. Also houses less touches could give hospitality to fire victims’ families. People lost all of their tools.

- HUG Meals; restaurant tickets are important to be sponsored as people can eat any time what they choose at a price of 5€/menu.

Important help from all restaurant owners that they feed for free till now many people.

Warm thanks for the solidarity.

“**Kid & Family CHARITY" as the sponsor of H.U.G. Foundation on Global giving, offers** the network and products, so ***distribution are realized in person to people in need.! We are very sensitive on that***

9 years of network and experience on distributions Kid & Family through "emergency relief packages" can cover ALL OF THE 3 AREAS MOSTLY TOUCHED BY THIS DEMONIC FIRE.

ARTICLES - links

I translate for you a part of the article we attached in Greek from "Kathimerini" newspaper. "National Depression: article by Theodore Georgakopoulos / newspaper – "Kathimerini" 03.08.2018 : 20:50

You know why kids and families, fire victims, are angry. You know it and i know it. We are exuberant with the almost inhuman strategy of the goverment of managing the crisis. It is just a communication management, we are angry with the authorities who declare irresponsible, with vulgarity. An untold tragedy is happening here. The country pass throught many social and economical erthquicks The common back ground of pain and danger of all of us, a timeless anger and pain, that another disaster,like this wild fire will happen (or the floods in "Mandra Attikis", or the oil spill in Argosaronic golf, or the fires of 2009, or the fires of 2007, or even "minor" things like the interruption of water supply in Thessaloniki because a pipe broke, (all Greeks, you understand what I mean) All comes to the surface with this fire. But incidences like this tragedy, with a mechanism of saving lives, works uncoordinated, depending on the fidelity of individuals. Helpless individuals. We should be saved ourselves, although no one has trained us how to respond to such situations when we had never been provided with training or information. We even know that there is an existing training on natural disasters

We all know that our anger faces the useless policy of regional governors and the mayors, but goes deeper, more broadly, the substrate of the anger we feel is addressed to each of our fellow citizens separately, in our own self, in our collective, relentless responsibility, which, two hundred years ago, we refuse to make (or, at least, demand) a functioning society, constantly protesting, selling our vote for crumbs, obedient to unreasonable sentiments, waiting for everything, abandoned and so we stand ten days now, each one alone,

we cried for the absence any security and responsibility, concentrated all, in the form of charred girls in the arms of their burnt grandparents. All dead.

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